

The recent actions by Sinclair Broadcast Group s e show the dangers to localism caused by media consolidation.

Sinclair has an open season in the use of the public airwaves. To get this privilege, he is obligated by law to serve the public interest. When large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. I want to see local broadcasting from local broadcasters instead of something produced at "News Central" far away.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. The license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Instead, they should reflect their ability to present fair, balanced and unbiased news to the public that they serve. Thank you.